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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Customer No.20277

Toyoji ITO, et al.

Confirmation No.: 6781

Serial No.: 10/705,984

Group Art Unit: 2826

Filed: November 13, 2003

Examiner: FAZLI ERDEM

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD FOR FABRICATING THE SAME

ELECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121

Mail Stop Amendment Hon. Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed August 10, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire September 10, 2004, wherein the Examiner required restriction between the following Groups:

Group I - Claims 1-65, drawn to a semiconductor

device; and

Group II - Claims 66-102, drawn to a method

of making semiconductor device.

Applicants elect without traverse, Group I - claims 1-65 for initial prosecution on the merits.

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Applicants also reserve the right to file a Divisional Application for the nonelected claims 66-102, which the Examiner has indicated is patentably distinct.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0417. A duplicate copy of this Response is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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